

munication with those upon this side of the House in regard to any matter of that kind, he would have to see the leader of the Opposition himself, and I was aware that he did so.

I understood the Minister of Militia to say, in response to my leader, with reference to the question of small arms ammunition, that he was prepared to deal with that question. I would ask him to take occasion to deal with that question at an early day, as there has been some slight difficulty in getting information in regard to the matter in his absence.

Sir SAM HUGHES: I will remove every difficulty, and the hon. gentleman's most ardent wishes shall be gratified. So far as concerns the tittle-tattle of discussion between the hon. junior member for Halifax (Mr. Maclean) and myself, that is nothing. I had already seen the leader of the Opposition when I saw the junior member for Halifax; but that does not matter. The gentlemen were very courteous; I am not finding the slightest fault. The leader of the Opposition said that, so far as he was concerned, he knew of nothing coming up, and he was very nice. The hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald) was also very nice; I was delighted with him for once in my lifetime.

#### DEATH OF PRIVATE D. CURRY.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. KYTE: I desire to call the attention of the Acting Minister of Militia to some complaint with respect to the illness and death of Private Dugall Curry, at St. Joseph's hospital, Glace Bay, during the past week. It is alleged that Private Currie did not receive the medical treatment he was entitled to from the medical officer in charge of his regiment, and it is alleged that, owing to that neglect and the consequent delay in receiving medical treatment, his illness was increased and possibly his death resulted. I should be glad if the acting minister would make inquiry.

Mr. KEMP: I will draw the attention of the Prime Minister to the matter and he will likely give an answer to the hon. gentleman to-morrow.

#### RECRUITS FOR THE ROYAL NAVY.

On the motion of Sir Thomas White (Minister of Finance) for Committee of Supply:

Mr. E. M. MACDONALD (Pictou): I wish to direct the attention of the Minister of the Naval Service to an article in to-day's issue of the Montreal Daily Mail. This House will recall that, at an early period of the session, I ventured to press upon the attention of the House the fact that it is very desirable that in this great war Canada should play some part upon the sea as well as upon the land. I felt that, coming from a portion of the Dominion where our men were accustomed to following vocations on the sea, it would be more easy to obtain men who would volunteer for naval service than to obtain volunteers for service on the land. I see in the Daily Mail a despatch from Ottawa to the effect that the English Government have asked the Canadian Government to take steps to recruit men for service in the navy, and that a deputation, headed by Lord Alfred Guinness, is on its way out from England to interview the Government with regard to this question. It was urged by hon. gentlemen opposite, when I mentioned the matter, that such a thing as recruiting men in Canada to serve in the navy would be entirely unnecessary, that they were not required, that England did not need in her navy any one from this country. Will the Minister of the Naval Service tell us if this despatch is correct, and if it is the intention of this Government to proceed to call for recruits to serve in the British Navy?

Hon. J. D. HAZEN (Minister of the Naval Service): Mr. Speaker, some time ago, when I spoke to the motion for papers referred to by my hon friend, I referred to the fact that the British Government had asked us if we could obtain the enlistment of about 200 men capable of taking charge of motor boats. They asked us to have it made known that they would enlist a certain number for that purpose, and to receive applications; and they said they would send out a commission from the Admiralty to make selections from the number offering. We have done that. We have advised the Admiralty of the fact and we are informed that the Hon. Rupert Guinness and another gentleman are now on their way here to consult us in regard to that matter. I may say further that they have intimated that they are willing, if we can get volunteers for the purpose, to take into the British navy a certain number of men who would enlist at the British rate of pay and subject to British conditions. That infor-